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Identification Data:

1. Reference is made to page 4, Overlay of AMS-M671 (GSGS 4416), Middle Danube, Scale 1:100,000, Sheet V-11, Hedenin, Pimpeint Location of Zbrojovka Brno.
Pt. 1. Rail Line. Single track, normal European gauge. Led from center of Brno northwest to Tisnev. Double track at Kralovo Pole Station.
Pt. 2. Kralovo Pole Railroad Station. Station building described as 40 x 15 m., single story with exception of the center section which had a second-story room housing the office of the stationmaster. Building was gray stuccoed brick with red tile roof. A new station building was completed in late 1953 and was located approximately 200 m. north of the old station.
Pt. 3. Zbrojovka Armament Plant Area. Refer to paragraph 3 and page 6, Site Layout.

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25X1X 2. Reference is made to page 5, Overlay of 0232-9954-25 ICM, Brno, Pinpoint Location of Zbrojovka. [REDACTED] shown the above mosaic in [REDACTED] an effort to [definitely/locate this plant]. It should be noted that [REDACTED] uncertain in making a decision on the exact site. The road, Pt. 3, was the deciding factor in the choice made. 25X1X

Pt. 1. Rail Line. Same as Pt. 1, paragraph 1.

Pt. 2. Zbrojovka Armament Plant. Description under paragraph 3, Site Layout.

Pt. 3. Read. Same as Pt. 1, paragraph 3. Source feels certain this was the road leading along the north boundary of the plant area since it is the only road in the area which appears on the mosaic to cross the railroad tracks. Source remembered that there was a railroad crossing signal and barrier at this point.

Site Layout:

3. Reference is made to page 6, Memory Sketch of the Zbrojovka Armament Plant area.

Pt. 1. Read. Five to six meters wide, good condition, cobblestone (dlazba). Same as Pt. 3, paragraph 2.

Pt. 2. Fence. Wooden plank (solid), approximately two meters high, topped with one-strand barbed wire. [REDACTED] only that part indicated by a solid line [REDACTED] supposed that it surrounded the entire plant area. No entrances were observed. 25X1X

Pt. 3. Rail Line. Narrow gauge. Led along the inside of the plant area between the fence and building. On several occasions source observed small, narrow-gauge cars on this line but [REDACTED] unable to give any description. 25X1X

Pt. 4. Building. Housed workshops. Approximately 275 x 7 x 20 m. The building was believed to be stuccoed brick and single-story. Source described the building as being similar to a large hall with high ceilings. Skylights were observed on the roof. A large windowed area covered most of the side of the building adjacent to the rail line. Large pieces of machinery could be seen through the windows but source was unable to identify them. [REDACTED] not recall having seen windows on the north and south sides of the building. This building was built sometime before source's arrival in Brno in 1946. It was probably a pre-World War II construction. 25X1X

Pt. 5. Building. Light gray stuccoed brick, approximately 100 x 25 m., five or six stories high, flat roof, roofing material unknown. Appeared to be an office building.

Pt. 6. Buildings (three). Each was a light gray stuccoed brick building, approximately 50 x 15 x 20 m., five or six stories high with flat roof. Appeared to be office buildings.

Pt. 7. Large Crane. Fifteen to 20 m. in height. Source had no further information regarding crane or area in which it was located.

Pt. 8. Rail Line. Same as Pt. 1, paragraph 1.

Pt. 9. Railroad Bridge. Double track. Small construction supporting rail line over small road.

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Pt. 10. Housing Area. Small family houses.

Pt. 11. Railroad Station Warehouse. Red brick, red tile low gable roof, approximately 75-80 x 10 m., one story. Three large wooden doors and a wood loading ramp were on the west side of the building. Source was unable to describe the east side of the building. Source had no information regarding the use of the building.

Pt. 12. Garden Area. Property of families living in the vicinity.

Pt. 13. Housing Area.

Pt. 14. Kralovo Pole Railroad Station. Old building, 40 x 15 m., gray stuccoed brick, red tiled gable roof, single story. A new station completed in autumn 1953 was located 200-300 m. north of this building.

Additional information:

25X1X 4. [REDACTED] it was general knowledge in the Brno area that this plant produced various armaments prior to World War II. [REDACTED] 25X1X
 25X1X [REDACTED] the plant is now engaged in the production of weapons, possibly artillery pieces. Source observed the expansion of the plant area or construction of new buildings during the 1946 - 1953 period. [REDACTED] 25X1X
 25X1X [REDACTED] 25X1X hours. The building was lighted at this time, giving source the impression that there were at least two work shifts. [REDACTED] 25X1X give no information on the labor force or recall the names of any employees at the plant.

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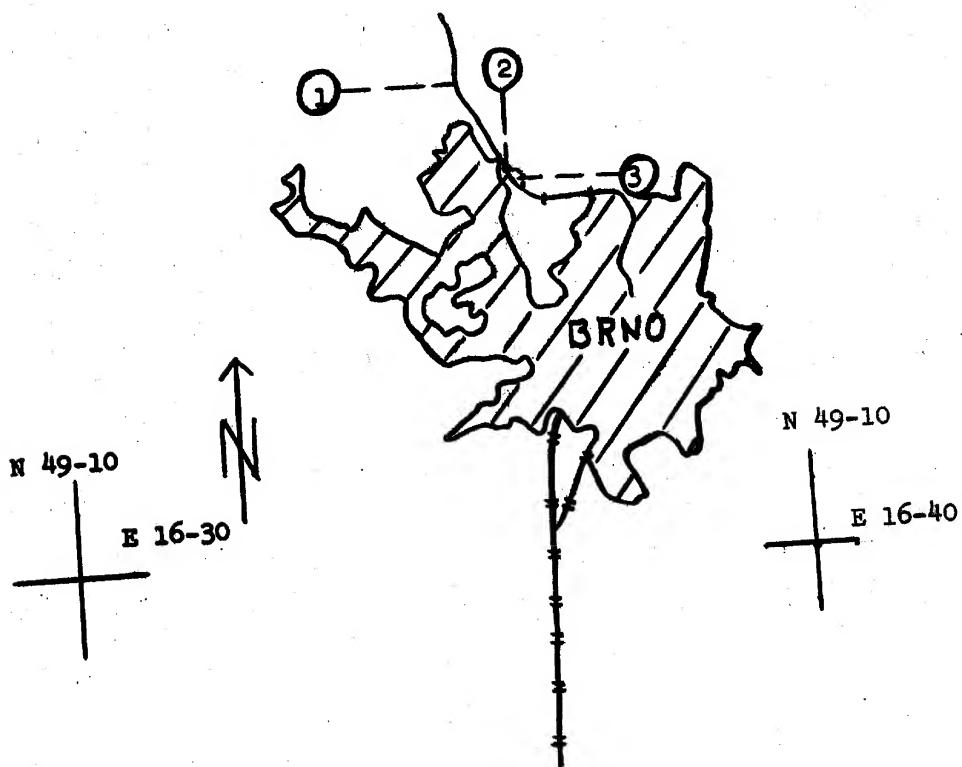
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Overlay on AMS M671 (GSGS 4416),
 Middle Danube, Scale 1:100,000,
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Pinpoint Location of Zbrejekva Armament Plant.



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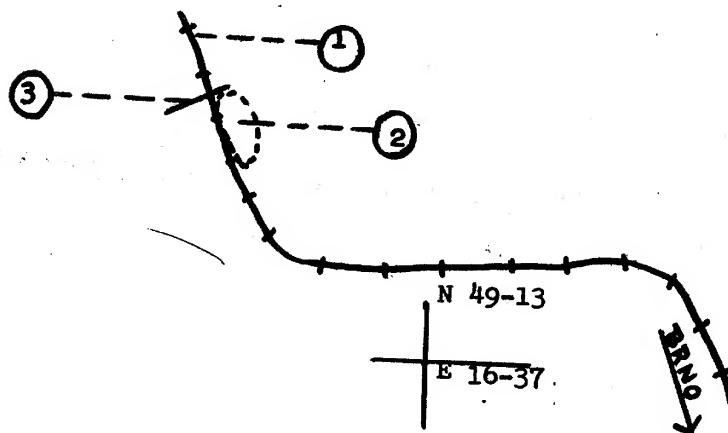
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Overlay of 0232-9954-25 ICM, Brno.

Pinpoint Location of Zbrojovka Armament Plant, Brno.

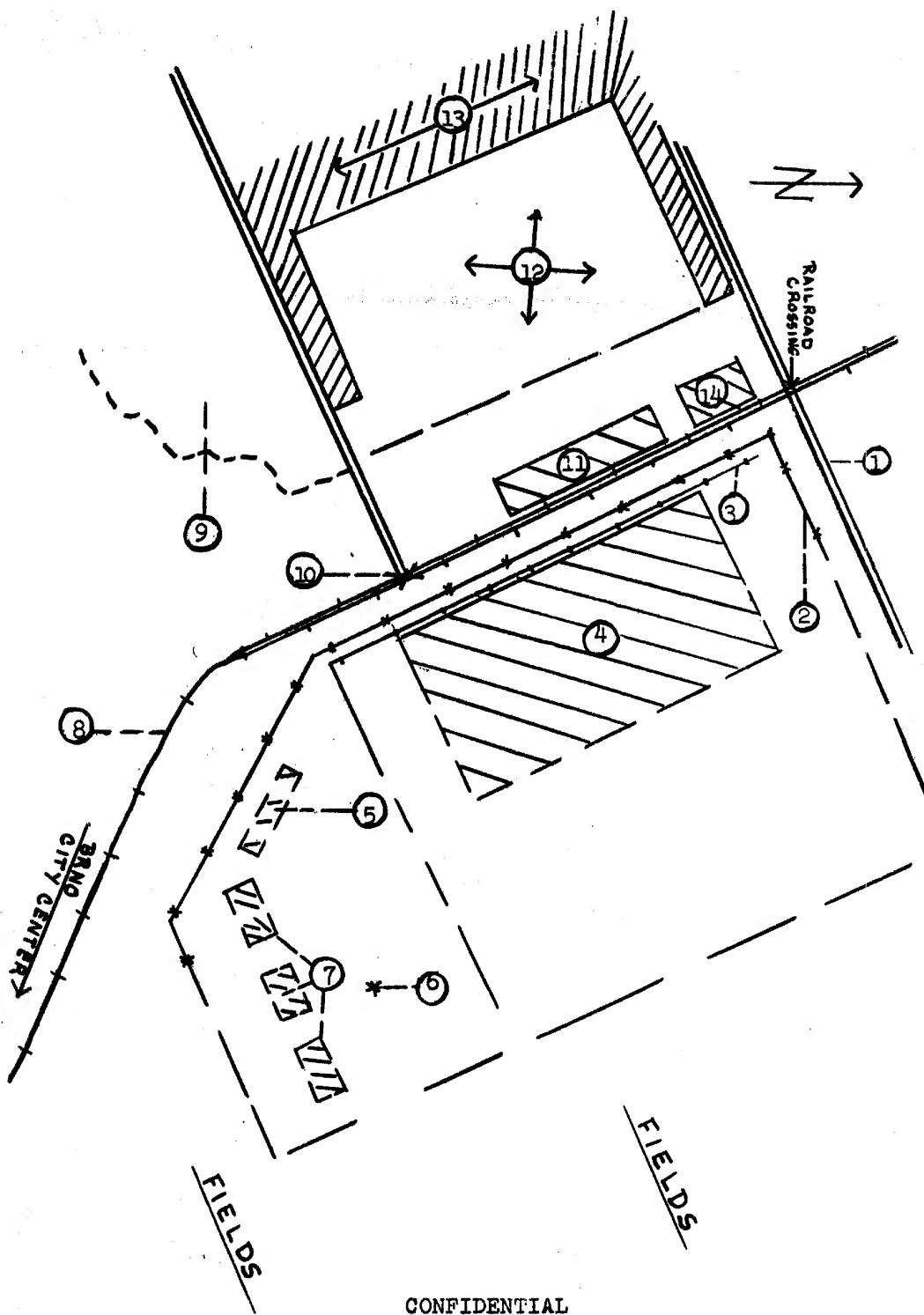


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Memory Sketch of the Zbrojovka Armament Plant Area.



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